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2 Applicants: Binnig et al.

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5 For: COMPONENTIZED AUTOMATIC PROVISIONING AND MANAGEMENT OF
6 COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS FOR COMPUTING UTILITIES

7 Commissioner for Patents

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10 **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

11 Sir:

12 Please process this preliminary amendment to the claims prior to calculating the fees for this
13 application.

14 Please amend the above-identified application as follows: